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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE SOLE: ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND DATA

1. OUTGOING FORMIN HILGARD MULLER DESCRIBED AMBASSADOR SOLE TO ME AS ONE OF THE TWO BEST CAREER DIPLOMATS, IF NOT THE BEST, IN THE SAG FOREIGN SERVICE. HE SAID HE WAS MORE OF A SCHOLAR THAN PIK BOTHA BUT ALSO VERY ACTIVE, FORCEFUL AND DIRECT. HE DID NOT EXPECT HIM, HOWEVER, TO FOLLOW BOTHA'S STYLE IN DEALING WITH THE PRESS. MULLER NOTED THAT SOLE HAD SERVED AT THE UN AND WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE U.S. MULLER WAS CONFIDENT THAT WE WOULD FIND SOLE FRIENDLY AND EASY TO WORK WITH

2. MULLER SAID THAT SOLE IS THE MAN MOST CONVERSANT WITH ATOMIC ENERGY MATTERS IN THE SAG FOREIGN SERVICE. WHEN SOLE WAS POSTED IN VIENNA, HE HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTACTS WITH IAEA. BEING A MAN WHO APPROACHES ANY PROBLEM WITH A PASSION TO MASTER ALL ITS ASPECTS, SOLE PLUNGED INTO THE NUCLEAR FIELD AND HAS BECOME AN EXPERT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION WHETHER SOLE WOULD HOLD THE US AND UN JOBS, MULLER REPLIED, "I CAN TELL YOU
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VERY CONFIDENTIALLY THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO FILL THE UN POST." MULLER SAID THAT FOR THE TIME BEING EKSTEEN WOULD SERVE AS CHARGE AT THE UN.BOWDLER

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